

TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH AWARDS PRESENTED

Herndon, VA (June 13, 2006) – Herndon Mayor Michael L. O'Reilly and the Herndon Town Council recognized Bessie Denton of 496 Virginia Avenue and Garth Norris of 803 Dranesville Road as recipients of the Town's June "Yard of the Month" awards.

Denton's yard, which is filled with perennials such as Shasta Daisy and day lilies and shrubs such as azaleas, rhododendron, and petunias, is, in her own words, "a labor of love for all to enjoy. It is also a tool to encourage my neighbors to improve their yards, which in turn improves our neighborhood."

Norris' yard boasts a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and flowers, all providing a dazzling display of color. Plants and flowers are displayed in a tiered landscape that is set off from the road with a decorative fence; close to the home are two Purpleleaf Plum and Willow Oak trees.

As "Yard of the Month" award recipients, Denton and Norris each received a \$100 gift certificate from Meadows Farms Nurseries, a sponsor of the competition. They also received framed certificates signed by Mayor O'Reilly and signage to post in their yards for a month.

The Town of Herndon's Yard of the Month competition is produced as part of the Town's Cultivating Community Initiative, a program designed to encourage neighborhood

beautification and build community spirit. All programs are developed through the input of resident volunteers.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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